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In re Application of:

Applicant

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Title

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.607

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.607, please amend the present application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 20-36.

Please add the following new claims: